

1868-9

S. Africa

British Annex Basutoland as  
Crown Colony at request of  
King Moshoeshoe

Dec 10, 1868

First traffic light was  
erected on a 22 foot high  
Cast-iron pillar at corner  
of Bridge St and New Palace  
Yard off Parliament Square  
in London, England

Invented by J. P. Knight

Revolving lantern illuminated by  
gas with red & green signals

turned by hand

July 28, 1868

14th Amendment to U.S. Constitution  
ratified July 28, 1868 granted  
citizenship to U.S. Negroes  
and nullified all state  
debts incurred during  
the Civil War.

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Refrigerated freight car  
was patented 1868 by  
American inventor  
William Davis (1812 - 1868)

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## Mt Elbruz

Highest mountain in Europe  
(18,481 ft.) in Caucasus,  
first climbed by British  
expedition led by English  
explorer Douglas Freshfield  
(1845-1934)